

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.77784 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-538 Year-2022 Thana- DARBHANGA SADAR District-
Darbhanga

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Lal Babu Sah Son of Rama Narayan sah Resident of Village- Mamal, Ps-
Sadar, Dist- Darbhanga

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Jagnnath Singh
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Anant Kumar 1

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**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH
SINGH**

ORAL ORDER

2 13-11-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Sadar Sonki P.S. Case No. 538 of 2022 dated 01.09.2022 registered for the offences punishable u/ss 341, 323, 307, 326A, 504, 506, 498A read with section 34 of the Indian Penal Code and sections 3, 4 of the DP Act but section 304B has not been added in the FIR.

3. As per the prosecution case, the petitioner and the co-accused persons are alleged to have tortured the informant mentally and physically and set her on fire due to non-fulfillment of demand of dowry.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted



that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this case. There is general and omnibus allegation against the petitioner. It is further submitted that the petitioner has never married the informant and he has no concern with the alleged offence. The petitioner is not named in the FIR. The petitioner is a distant relative of the victim and he has nothing to do with the family affairs of the co-accused persons. The petitioner has no criminal antecedent as stated in para 3 of the bail petition.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State and learned counsel for the informant have vehemently opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner. Learned counsel has further submitted that the instant anticipatory bail application is not maintainable and from the lower court record that vide order dated 25.07.2025 as the process u/s 82 of the Cr.P.C. has already been issued against the petitioner. The petitioner is declared a proclaimed offender. Learned counsel has further relied upon the case of *(Abhishek vs. State of Maharashtra (2022) 14 SCC 529)* where it was held that “*As regards the implication of proclamation having been issued against the appellant, we have no hesitation in making it clear that any person, who is declared as an ‘absconder’ and remains out of reach of the investigating agency and thereby stands directly at conflict with law,*



ordinarily, deserves no concession or indulgence.” Reliance has further been placed on the decisions of ***(Lavesh vs. State (NCT of Delhi) (2012) 8 SCC 730, Adri Dharan Das vs. State of W.B. (2005) 4 SCC 303)*** and ***(Prem Shankar Prasad vs. State of Bihar 2021 SCC Online SCC 955)*** and in the case of ***(State of Haryana vs. Dharamraj (Cr. Appeal No. 2635 of 2023 @ out of SLP (Cri.) No. 2256 of 2022, reported in 2023 LiveLaw (SC) 739: 2023 INSC 784)*** disposed of 29.08.2023 wherein the Hon’ble Apex Court has held that: *“Anticipatory bail can be granted to a person to a proclaimed offender only in exceptional and rare case.”* It is further submitted that the materials available on the record do not reveal any exceptional or rare case due to which the plea of anticipatory bail may be considered. Learned counsel has further relied upon the case of ***Srikant Upadhyay & Ors. Vs. State of Bihar & Anr. reported in 2024 INSC 202***, the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide para-24 of the said judgment has been pleased to hold that *“at any rate, when warrant of arrest or proclamation is issued, the applicant is not entitled to invoke the extraordinary power”*.

6. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case as well as the petitioner having been declared a proclaimed offender, the anticipatory bail petition is not



maintainable. Accordingly, the same is disposed of with direction to the petitioner to surrender before the Court below concerned within six weeks from the date of this order and the prayer for regular bail and the learned Court below may consider his prayer for regular bail in accordance with law without being prejudiced by this order.

7. The application stands disposed of.

(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)

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